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In re application of:  
Christian Zistl, et al                      **DECISION ON PETITION**  
Serial No.: 09/634,209  
Filed: August 9, 2000

For: IMPROVED DEPTH OF FOCUS (DOF)  
FOR TRENCH-FIRST-VIA-LAST (TFVL) et al

This is a decision on the faxed petition received July 30, 2002, to withdraw the holding of abandonment in the above-identified application.

The above-identified application became abandoned for failure to reply within the meaning of 37 C.F.R. 1.113 in timely manner to the Notice to File Missing Parts of Application mailed October 5, 2000. Which set a shortened statutory period for reply of two (2) months. Accordingly, this application became abandoned December 6, 2000. The notice was mailed on July 23, 2002.

On July 30, 2002, the office received a communication from the attorney of record. Enclosed was an acknowledgment that the application was complete at the time of filing.

The evidence submitted is sufficient to establish that the petitioners gave authorization to charge the fees at the time of filing.

The petition is hereby GRANTED.

The application has been completed for release to Technology Center 2811.

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